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In re application of : James A. Lynn, et al
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Title : METHOD FOR CHANGING FIBRE CHANNEL SPEED OF A
DRIVE LOOP WITH ESM-CONTROLLED DRIVE BOXES
USING REDUNDANT DRIVE CHANNELS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION
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Date: July 26, 2006

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, for which the three-month shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on June 9, 2006. While the applicant believes that a two-month extension of time is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-2252. Entry of the Amendment and consideration of the Remarks/Arguments that follow is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendment to Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.